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ALLARD RECEIVES "FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER AWARD" NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION ANNUAL RATING GIVES COLORADO SENATOR BEST SCORE IN ENTIRE U.S. SENATE

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has once again earned the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award by the National Taxpayers Union (NTU). The annual award is presented to those members of Congress making a commitment against big government and voting to reduce the tax burden of the American public. Senator Allard's score of 88% was the best score among all 100 Senators in this year's rating.

"Senator Allard's pro-taxpayer score was the highest in the entire Senate," said John Berthoud, NTU President. "By consistently voting to reduce federal spending, taxes and debt, Senator Allard has truly earned the title, 'Taxpayers' Friend.' If more members of Congress voted like Senator Allard, taxpayers could sleep more comfortably at night."

NTU's 25th annual rating is based on 194 Senate roll call votes held throughout 2001 session. Senator Allard was one of just 23 Senator's whose score earned him an 'A' for dedication toward paying down the debt, reducing taxes, federal spending and regulations.

"I remain committed to continuing my work to eliminate wasteful federal spending and reducing the enormous tax burden placed on the American people," Allard said. "It is a true honor to once again be named a 'Friend of the Taxpayer."

Unlike other organizations, NTU's annual Rating does not focus on only a few votes, it is based on virtually every congressional roll call vote concerning fiscal policy.

"Of all the Congressional roll calls published by outside groups, the National Taxpayers Union is the most comprehensive and most objective," said former Democratic Wisconsin Senator William Proxmire, while announcing this year's award winners.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Senator Allard has been awarded the "Friend of the Taxpayer Award" from the National Taxpayers Union.